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Guest: Senator Francis Case, Repub., South Dakota.
Newsmen: CBS correspondent Bill Downs, Lou Cieffi, Wells Church

SEN. CASE: "...I still believe that fundamentally the foreign policy of the country should be determined by the President and the Congress."

QUESTION: "What do you mean by unidentified groups?"

SEN. CASE: "Well I had a little feeling after this Cuban fiasco that we had the military reputation of the country laid on the line by people who were not in the military establishment, and without a sanction by the Congress."

QUESTION: "You have no suggestion--no objection then--Senator, to the use of what are known as paramilitary operations?"

SEN. CASE: "Actually, Mr. Church, I think as Secretary McNamara said when he was appearing before the Armed Services Committee that we ought not to force ourselves into nuclear wars by failure to have a capability in non-nuclear activities ...

QUESTION: "Senator Case, after hearing testimony by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Lemnitzer, called for the resignation of the whole Joint Chiefs of Staff. How do you feel about that?"

SEN. CASE: "I don't know whether he called for resignation or whether he called for a change, but actually I did not come to that same conclusion. I attended part of the hearings, to which you refer. I was--I used the term at the time--flabbergasted--and I was flabbergasted that it would look as if the military reputation of the country was in the hands of people outside of the control of the military department. But I have a great confidence in the people who are in our military establishment, and in the heads of staff, and frankly I just do not believe that they had control of, or directed the military operations in Cuba. I said at the time, and I guess I might as well say it here, and perhaps I might be accused of a little partiality, because I was once in the Marines, but I thought that a company of Marines could have handled the whole operation better, and that if it had been planned and directed by the Marines it would not have failed in the way that that one did."

QUESTION: "In his special message the President also said that our entire intelligence effort is going to be reviewed. He did it in a context of the general reorganization--"

SEN. CASE: "And I would agree that I think it should be reviewed. I think that the Congress itself, much less the country--Congress itself has no real conception of what the so-called intelligence operation, the CIA, has been doing. Personally again there I think that policy making should be left to the President and to the Congress, that the CIA should be limited to the collection and